

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **insert** the following paragraph on page 1, line 2:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please **amend** the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, as follows:

The invention relates to a method and to a device for processing large stamped letters according to the preambles of claims 1 and 10.

Please **insert** the following paragraph on page 2, line 24:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please **delete** the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 25, as follows:

Please **insert** the following paragraph on page 4, line 25:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please **insert** the following paragraph on page 5, line 3:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please add the enclosed abstract on a separate page.

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